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## RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated May 17, 2007, which states at Section 3(b) that Applicant's amendments filed on May 9, 2007 "raise the issue of new matter," Applicant respectfully submits that those amendments do not add any new matter because each of the added limitations in the amended claims can be found in the original specification or claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner carefully reread the original specification and claims.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are patentable and in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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